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<u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u>

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. In accordance with the Deputy Commissioner's OG Notice of August 5, 2003 (1276 Off. Gaz. Pat. Off. 55), copies of the U.S. Patents are not provided. A copy of each of the Japanese document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,786,594
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,496,212
- (3) Japan 10-90615
- (4) Japan 10-90616
- (5) Japan 2000-180745

The Japanese references listed above are discussed in the specification at page 2, lines 1 to 22. These references might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein.

An English-language abstract for each of the above-listed Japanese documents has been located and is enclosed. In addition, reference (1) is believed to be an English-language counterpart to reference (4), and reference (2) is believed to be an English-language counterpart to reference (5).

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office

Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety
and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the
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